

Please add the following new claims:

26. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of printing is carried out without first performing any maintenance procedure.

27. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of determining is capable of determining that said print job and another print job have the same level or different levels of print quality.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Claim 23 has been amended. Claims 26 and 27 are newly added. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action has objected to the specification due to the reference at page 9 to copending applications by attorney docket number. This information is presently unavailable and will be provided when it becomes available.

The Office Action objects to claim 23 on the basis that "step of plotting" should be "step of printing". Claim 23 has now been amended by changing "said step of plotting" to "causing said inkjet printing device to print said print job". This change more accurately conforms the language to that contained in claim 14 for proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection to claim 23 is obviated by the amendment and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19-21 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,596,353 to Takada et al., hereafter Takada. This rejection is erroneous because Takada fails to disclose one or more steps of independent claim 1 and one or more elements of independent claim 14.